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For : FLAME RETARDANTS FOR RESINS AND FLAME-RETARDED RESIN
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

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3. (Amended-Clean Text) A flame retardant for resins as set forth in claim 1, wherein
R₃ in the formula (I) is a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having a carbon number of
1 to 4.